

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A sustained-release preparation which comprises a drug and a ~~bioabsorbable polymer~~ gelatin hydrogel, wherein a concentration gradient of the drug is formed in the hydrogel.
2. **(Canceled)**
3. **(Currently Amended)** A method of sustained release of a drug *in vivo* comprising administering [[using]] a sustained-release preparation to a patient in need thereof, said preparation comprising which comprises a drug and a ~~bioabsorbable polymer~~ gelatin hydrogel, wherein a concentration gradient of the drug is formed in the hydrogel.
4. **(New)** The method of claim 3, where said administration is topical.